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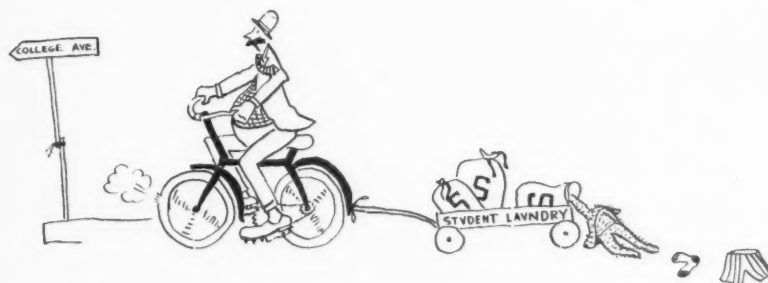


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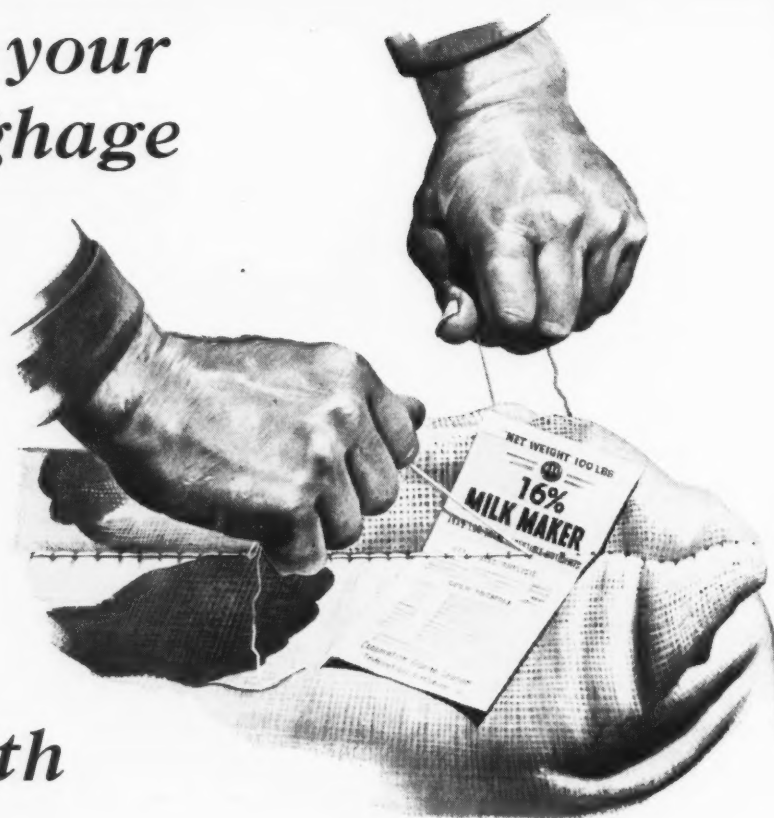
## COVER

The sower appeared for the first time on the December 1903 cover of the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN—the first issue of the magazine. A popular fellow, he kept right on marching through the issues of 1903 and 1904. In 1904, he gave his place to new cover ideas—landscapes, portraits, cartoons. We found him back in a dusty corner of the cut file this fall, and brought him back to his place of honor with this December 1952 anniversary issue.

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## **Editorial Opinion**

# **Fifty Years Ago With George Warren**

**Reprint of editorial  
in first issue of Countryman**

For some years there has been a growing desire to establish an agricultural periodical at Cornell University. Such a publication is necessary in order to keep the former students in touch with each other and with the college and to present the advances in agriculture. This is the mission of the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN. It is published by students and graduates of the College of Agriculture, and meets the hearty approval of the faculty; but the editors are responsible for the policy of the paper.

It is not our purpose to enter the field so well filled by the many ex-

cellent farm papers, but rather to appeal to the student of agriculture, to his work in farming, teaching, or investigation. In the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN we hope to voice the best in agricultural progress and agricultural teaching. We will present articles that deal with the larger problems of country life, the economic and social conditions, the rural school, and the farm home. The results of scientific investigations and general agricultural news will be given prominence. Special attention will be given to news of former students.

## **Longer Hours In Mann Hall?**

### **Ag-Domecon Surveys Situation**

There has been some agitation lately for the Mann Library to remain open on Sunday afternoon. In all probability, however, those who advocate such a move little realize all the factors that should be considered.

At present, there is no source of money that would pay for the added cost of such a move without reducing some other library service. Providing the money was at hand, Sunday help would be a problem since most of the present employees are hired for a five and a half day week. It would be a question, not only of how to get help, but of how much help to get.

Should just the downstairs reading rooms be opened, or should the reserve desk also be opened? And if this much of the library is open, should the second floor reference and bibliography rooms also be available for the use of the stu-

dents? If the answer is yes, what should be done about the reserve books—should they be called in at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, or should they be allowed to run till Monday at eight o'clock? If the latter plan is adopted, how efficient would the reserve desk be if it were open without a complete file of books?

Most important of all, would enough people use the Mann Library when they don't use the University Library, which is open Sunday afternoon?

These are but a few of the problems that would have to be considered by library officials before they made this move. To shed more light on this subject, Ag Domecon council will conduct a survey later this month to determine more accurately how students feel about such a move.

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# Ezra's Hillside Farm Becomes Today's University

By Bobby Manchester '53

Within the last century, the hill-top farm of Ezra Cornell which overlooked the headwaters of Cayuga, has been changed and has grown into a renowned university where "a student might find instruction in any study."

Agriculture has been from the beginning an important part of

Cornell University. But for a complete history of the College, we must go back to the middle eighteen hundreds, before the Cornell "Idea" became an actuality.

Ezra Cornell was always interested in farming. During his younger days he wandered around the country trying to sell a patent plow but with little success. His luck changed, however, when he invested in the "magnetic telegraph" and as a result became wealthy. Mr. Cornell still didn't lose his agricultural interest as he helped to found the State's first agricultural college on Seneca Lake near Ovid. But this school was a failure. After eleven months all of its students and teachers left for the Civil War.

## **Ag Education**

Then the Morrill Act was passed which entitled each state to a share of the public lands in the West. The proceeds from the sales of the lands were to be used for the "endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college, where the leading object shall be, without

excluding other scientific or classical studies, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts."

Andrew D. White, who had dreams of founding a university, persuaded his friend, Ezra Cornell to take his half a million dollars and with the land-grant money set up a new college. Ezra Cornell not only donated his money but also two hundred acres of land on East Hill near Ithaca. Those early years were rough-going but eventually the university received an endowment of more than five million dollars.

On the opening day of the University, Morrill Hall was the only complete building and, that looked out onto a field of corn. A barn and barnyard occupied the spot of Rand Hall. Not an impressive sight, but 412 students had registered for instruction. In the opening day address, Ezra Cornell spoke of the place of the Department of Agriculture in his plan for the University.

## **Scotch Horse Doctor**

Andrew D. White was at the helm as the University's first president. Early in 1868 he had gone to Europe to seek men interested in

Liberty Hyde Bailey breaks sod for Roberts Hall.



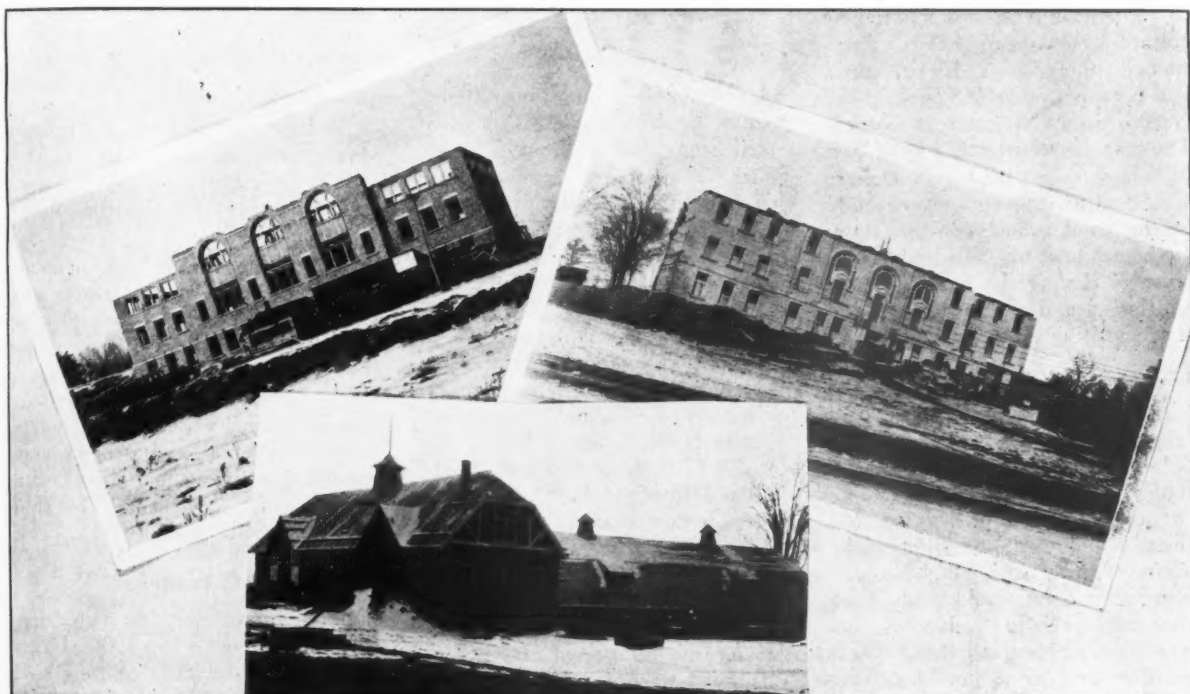
teaching at the new University, to find books for the new library, and to buy laboratory equipment. As he went up the gangplank, Ezra Cornell who had come to see him off yelled, "Don't forget to bring us back a horse doctor!" Mr. Cornell's mind was on the needed agricultural instructors. Mr. White didn't forget and back with him came an Oxford professor, Goldwin Smith, and a Scotch horse doctor, James Law, eminent professor of Veterinary Medicine.

The agricultural department caused White the most worry in

erecting English type farm buildings to make this new man feel at home. But this professor with his gloves didn't please the farmers of New York State, and as soon as the new buildings were ready for his use, he resigned. His entire stay was a disappointment.

Through these dark days for the Department of Agriculture "the work of three men saved me," said A. D. White in his Autobiography. They were Dr. James Law, veterinary professor, George C. Caldwell, agricultural chemistry professor, and John Gould, agricultural lec-

ture, helped to develop agriculture throughout the state and country. He had been born and raised on a farm on the west shore of Cayuga Lake. He could speak and write well and understood the problems of the New York State farmers. Roberts at first didn't intend to stay at Cornell but he acquired the "Cornell Spirit" and decided to remain. Others also with the "Spirit" such as John Henry Comstock, Liberty Hyde Bailey, and J. L. Stone joined him and together they laid the foundations of today's College of Agriculture.



Upper left: Comstock under construction.  
Upper right: Comstock almost completed.  
Bottom: Old Dairy Barn.

those early years. No one seemed to know how agriculture should be taught, and what proportion of study should be between theory and practice. Some thought it should be conducted as a business operation, others that it should be a "model farm," or entirely experimental. White decided to combine the best of these, and several resident professors attempted this but with little success.

After many failures a man appeared from an agricultural school in Ireland. He was most "elegant" and had great ideas on how farming should be carried on in America. Mr. Cornell gained possession of English farm implements and start-

turer. The course in agriculture consisted of a series of lectures given in the senior year, after the student had completed three years of basic courses.

But said White, "a brighter day dawned. From the far-off State Agricultural College of Iowa came tidings of a professor, Mr. J. I. P. Roberts who united the practical and theoretical qualities desired. I secured him, and thence forward there was no more difficulty."

Mr. Roberts, working more than twenty years as professor and

Professor Roberts did a great deal of his teaching in the field, taking the classes on trips over the fields and to the barns. He called them "walks and talks." This method of teaching can be found today in many of the agriculture courses.

In Robert's Hall can be found a large portrait of Professor Roberts, showing him well-dressed and with his mustache and beard arranged just so. This is a far cry from the true professor who used to walk through the field with his students, perch himself on a fence post, switch his tobacco to the other side of his mouth, and start talking.

Most of the classroom instruc-



tion for the department was carried on in Morrill Hall. The money for the first building to be used for the dairy industry was appropriated by the state in 1893. This building has since been incorporated as the north wing of Goldwin Smith Hall. Other classes were held in McGraw and Sibley Halls.

#### From Dept. to College

The Department of Agriculture became the College of Agriculture in 1896, with Isaac Phillips Roberts as its first dean of faculty. He retired in 1903 and Liberty Hyde Bailey took over his position.

Liberty Hyde Bailey had come to Cornell as a professor of horticulture a few years before. Even though noted as a horticulturist and botanist, he helped develop the Nature Study program at Cornell. The state appropriated a large sum of money to be used by the College of Agriculture to foster nature study in the rural schools of the state. Responsibility for this work was given to Bailey who went by horse and buggy and on foot all over the state, visiting the rural schools.

#### Twenty-five Years And Stop

In 1913 Bailey retired as dean to renew his studies in the field of botany. The story is told that Bailey said that he would give twenty-five years of service and then would retire to undertake whatever interested him. No one believed that he would really keep his word, especially President Schurman when he received Bailey's resignation, and so no new dean was



Left to right: Stone (farm management, soils, botany), Roberts, East Roberts (dairy), Dairy Industry, about 1910.

appointed. But in June Bailey locked his door and the College of Agriculture was without a dean, much to everyone's dismay. Since his retirement, Bailey has been writing and investigating plants of economic importance. At 91 Bailey was in the jungles of South America looking for palms, with only the natives and monkeys to keep him company. Liberty Hyde Bailey, now 94, lives here in Ithaca.

Beverly T. Galloway succeeded Liberty Hyde Bailey as dean of the college. Then came Albert R. Mann followed by Carl E. Ladd. W. J. Myers is now dean.

The State of New York appropriated \$250,000 for buildings in 1904 and established the College of Agriculture as a state institution. Among the objects of the college was to "improve the agricultural

methods of the state."

In 1948 the College of Agriculture became an integral part of the State University of New York, which includes more than 30 educational institutions.

Soon after the college opened, around 1900, the state farmers began to ask for help in their practical problems. At their request, members of the faculty travelled around the state on their own expense addressing farmers' institutes, horticultural societies, and farm organizations. Through their efforts, the College of Agriculture became known to the people.

#### Extension Work Expands

Other phases of this extension work developed. In 1906 Dean Bailey organized the New York State Extension Service. Under it, guidance groups of local farmers worked on a volunteer basis.

Out of this early Extension work grew the present New York State College of Home Economics. Liberty Hyde Bailey realized that the home and the farm could not be separated and so he went to President Schurman and asked him if a course in home making could be given. Schuman answered, "Cooks at Cornell. Never!" But Bailey persisted and in 1900 Martha Van Rensselaer was brought to Cornell for extension work with the rural women.

Martha Van Rensselaer's work started in a basement office in Mor-

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"Not yet, but maybe tomorrow." (Extracted from an old issue.)



## Through Thick and Thin

# A Half Century With The COUNTRYMAN

**Students and faculty lead Cornell's longest-continuing publication through to its present popular form.**

By Judy Zucker '53

10¢ a copy! That's how much the Countryman cost when it was first published. One can't say that it struggled to get on its feet, but rather it soared upward with the strong backing and approval of agricultural leaders, professors, and alumni.

If the present business managers think they have problems, they should be glad that they aren't in the first one's shoes. Imagine trying to give a magazine its start when the layout is newspaperish, its articles are highly technical ones contributed by the professors, and its purpose is, "to deal with broader problems of country life and agriculture education."

Not only were the words CORNELL COUNTRYMAN capitalized whenever they appeared in the magazine, but plugs were given it in the alumnotes, such as, "Meyers says everything is fine at the home farm, except that he doesn't have a COUNTRYMAN to read yet."

### Readers' Regard

Yet encouragement came from readers' letters: "I am pleased with the general tone of the reading matter." The magazine was about the size of our college catalogs, and was usually twenty pages thick. Its

cover for the first few issues was a standard one, of which the cover of this issue is a replica.

Soon the covers became more varied, and emphasized good photography and original drawings. Articles were lightened up enough by 1906 so that such topics as "Vacant Lot Gardening" and "The Farm is a School" could be printed, instead of the former "Outlook for Agricultural Education" and "Coffee Problems in Brazil."

### Early Sell-Out

The magazine's popularity increased, and it became larger, with thirty pages of articles plus twenty of ads. The copies of the early issues were apparently all sold out. When the Library of Congress requested a copy of the first issue, Dec., 1903, the COUNTRYMAN had to offer, in 1906, to pay 50¢ a copy for the first 10 copies sent to the office by subscribers.

Other changes took place beside that of thickness. In 1913 a full-page ad of an apple in color was exhibited (and paid for) by an engraving company. Although subsequent ads of the company were in regular black and white, this ad

Next to the president's garden, the model rural school (below) was for many years the COUNTRYMAN office.

stimulated a multi-colored cover of roses (yes, *four* of them) the next year.

The present larger size COUNTRYMAN was innovated in 1921. That year the magazine totaled only thirty pages, because of its increased size. Great emphasis was put on good photography, and there was more of it in the magazine then than ever before or since.

### Popular Appeal Articles

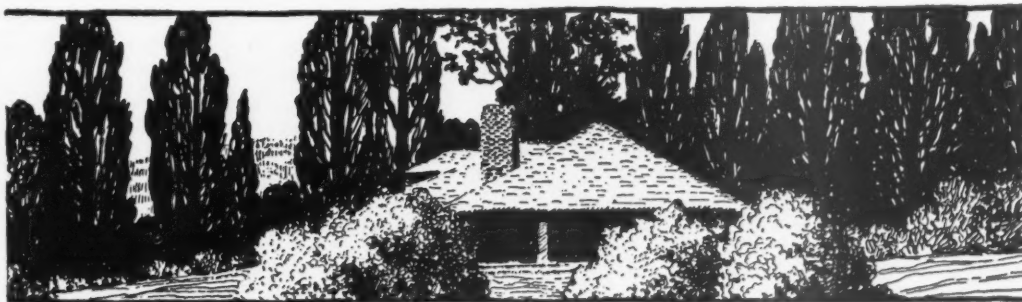
Article-writing was gradually taken over by students after 1931. The content therefore veered from news of class and campus and highly technical articles to those of greater student interest, such as: "Should Students Marry While in College?" The trend since then has continued to be toward those articles which editors felt have more popular appeal.

Covers changed from landscapes to a series of pretty-girl pictures. Valentine issues, instead of having a baby pig framed by a valentine on the cover, had photographs of ag and home ec coeds in such a frame.

### Friends Worth Knowing

Our present "Alumnotes" used to be called "Former Student Notes," and before that, "Grad Gossip." And, a question comes up—are Cornell's students degenerating? The column "People Worth Knowing" is now entitled "Introducing Your Friends!"

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—Borton

Dirksland is a typical village of southern Holland. The houses cluster around a large, ancient church.

# Hello From Holland

**Globe trotter's report of  
coining new words, no dates,  
and potatoes—boiled, boiled, boiled.**

By Ray Borton '53

Hello from Holland. . . . Here I am an IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange Delegate), living with Dutch farm families, missing life at Cornell, but having not one, but many experiences of a lifetime.

Our IFYE program is sponsored by the 4-H Clubs of America and is a two-way exchange of rural young people of America and 29 countries in Europe, Asia, South America, and Pacifica. Finances are provided by many county, state and national organizations as well as thousands of 4-H members themselves.

There are five members of the Holland delegation. Our group includes Louise Wintermute of Iowa (N. W. Missouri State Teachers College), Patricia Horning of Oregon, (Oregon State), Dorothy Shields of North Carolina (Mars

Hill College), Charles Lawrence Beymer of Indiana (Purdue University), and yours truly of Michigan (none other than Cornell University). We arrived in Holland on the 4th of July after having a five-day orientation program in Washington, D. C. and a nine-day boat trip on board the "Georgic."

We soon discovered that Holland is not full of wooden shoes, windmills and costumes as the tourist posters indicate, but is filled and overflowing with friendly people, bicycles, and interesting things for us to see and do. Tourist tours usually stop in Holland long enough for the sightseers to be piloted through the canals of Amsterdam and include a side trip to Volendam, a village near Amsterdam that retains its old customs and costumes.

Therefore the impression is left that rural Holland is "so quaint" and all the people in Volendam pocket as many as possible of those precious overly-valuable American dollars.

## Dictionary Definitions

On arriving for a six week stay with my first Dutch farm family in the Province of Friesland I confronted my biggest problem, language. Friesian is the most different of the 20 dialects of the Dutch language. In fact the Friesian people maintain it is a completely different language.

I'm in no position to argue with them as I found that every time I asked for a word there were always two, one in Dutch and one in Friesian. Example, a girl is a *meisje* in Dutch and a *famke* in Friesian. But, somehow we always managed to get our ideas back and forth.

Technical terms were the biggest problem, and the substitutions I was forced to dream up were often a source of entertainment. When I found that they had a herd of twenty pedigreed Friesian (ancestors of our Holstein) cows but no bull I wanted to ask if they used artificial insemination. Just try and find that in a pocket dictionary. So I called it a "telephone bull" and created a minor sensation. The newspapers printed it, and when I left they declared I had added a new word to the Friesian "language."

## Farm Management

My three farms and their families are all quite different and illustrate three typical farm family enterprises in Holland.

The M. L. de Boer family in Friesland, has a 100-acre farm, half of which is grassland for the Friesian cattle and the flock of Texel sheep. The remaining cropland is divided among potatoes, sugar beets, feed beets, wheat, barley, oats, rapeseed, clover, peas, and flax.

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Seven men are employed full time and two extra girls are employed only for the potato harvest. A Ford tractor and three horses supply the power and it all adds up to an above average yet very typical Friesian Farm.

The de Boer family of four children was quite a contrast to my second family, the B. A. Oosterwijk family of eight children who lived in the province of North Holland just south of Amsterdam. The farm was a contrast too as it was 65 acres and all cropland except for the side of the dike and the road-

large cropland farm employing 24 men at present the farmer's job is that of an overseer and manager.

The elder son, John, who is celebrating his 23rd birthday today, is generally busy keeping track of the four Farmall tractors and the many pieces of equipment. Pete, who is 21 years old, is at present home for the weekend from the Dutch Army where he is serving his two year term required of one son in every family.

The households of my three Dutch homes reflected the size and prosperity of the farm but all carried on the great Dutch tradition of absolute spotlessness. The housewives begin all over again every morning with an operation almost as extensive as our spring housecleaning. The floors get more wear from their daily scrubbing than from footwear as shoes are not worn in the house.

#### Fascinating Foods

One question I am sure you all would ask is "How is the food?" Dutch food is very good, excellent in fact, but has absolutely no variety. There is none of this traditional American worry of what to cook for dinner today. It is a set pattern.

Breakfast is a bread meal, with cheese, jam, and sliced (thin!) bologna. Dinner is a potato meal

cooked in one of three equally enticing ways—boiled, boiled, or boiled. Dinner meat is parcelled out in small quantities such as one-half meatball. Usually a vegetable or apple sauce is served too. Supper returns to the bread standard and is almost an exact replica of breakfast.

Tea or coffee are served with meals and three or four other times in the day depending on the family and the section of the country.

#### Have You Tried Yoghurt?

If you haven't tried yoghurt, my advice is, don't bother. It is the one can't say I have learned to like. Even raw herring with onions, a popular Dutch delicacy is better than Yoghurt in my estimation.

I brought some popcorn with me for my Dutch families. Their eyes popped almost as much as the corn I think, when I let them peek in the kettle. And they liked to eat it, too, and are going to try to raise some in their garden next year.

Another thing you may be curious about—the social life. The dating, as we students know it, just doesn't exist. Reason clear—there aren't any dates, period. Fellows and girls go to dances and movies in separate groups.

At a dance there is a mad rush  
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Ray worked for this Dutch family that's gathered here for dinner

—Borton



—Borton

Kloopenmaker means wooden shoe maker. Wooden shoes are surprisingly warm, always dry, and easy to slip on and off, making them ideal for farm work in Holland.

sides on which enough hay was grown for the three cows and four horses. All of the milk was made into butter and cheese at home.

With five sons, ages 16 to 34, and a John Deere tractor, bought with the assistance of the Marshall Plan, little extra labor was needed except for the potato harvest. They also raised sugar beets, wheat, barley, alfalfa, and peas.

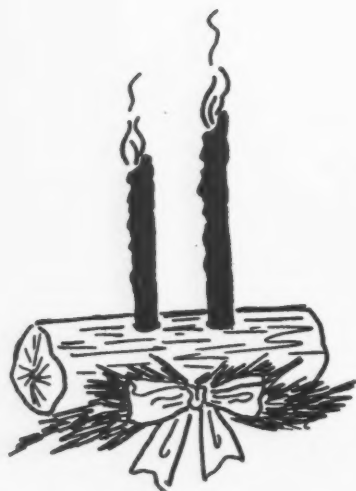
I'm now living with the C. Wan-acer family in the province of Zuid (South) Holland, who are the owners of several pieces of land collectively known as "De Kleykamp" and totaling 310 acres. On such a



## Say "Season's Greetings"

### With Berries and Baubles

**Coat hangers, wooden canes, and fish bowls combine to spread Christmas cheer.**



By Joan Beebe '54

Christmas is coming! To most people this is one of the best times of the year, with all the special parties, gifts, singing, and general good feelings. So while you're in such fine spirits, why not make your house look and feel good, too, with a few simple and attractive Yuletide decorations?

#### Front Door Finery

The front door is just about the first thing that people see when they come to call, so of course you'll want to have that looking nice and Christmassy. Some very pretty door sprays can be made on wire coat hangers. The crosspiece of the hanger is first bent toward the top to increase the slope of the sides. Then you just fasten branches of evergreens on each side and attach a piece to cover the top; a wire twisted around the neck of the hanger will keep them from slipping. For an added variety, a few whitened branches may be included, some little berries wired in, and a big red bow placed in the center.

This spray takes only a few minutes and odds and ends of materials to create, and it really adds a festive touch to the front door. A few bells worked into a door spray will jingle a merry welcome to each visitor. Another unusual and attractive addition to a spray of greens is a few of those little round multi-colored Christmas tree ornaments (or small fancy ones in the shapes of Santa Clauses or reindeer, if you like).



Take a few simple materials, a dash of imagination, and tie them together with a big red ribbon for unusual decorations.

Crossed candy canes are a pretty touch, and one that will especially delight the children. These can be used outdoors or in; on doors and windows, and fences, or over the fireplace. Wooden canes are selected in sizes according to the place they are to decorate, and may be painted with a quick-drying white enamel, and wound with red waterproof ribbon tacked or fastened with Scotch tape. For small canes you can use red Scotch tape, which comes in widths up to half an inch. Two crossed canes, tied with a bright ribbon, are particularly effective against a dark background.

For the Christmas tree, one of the main interior decorations, some convincing artificial snowballs and icicles can be made by soaking newspapers and rolling or squeezing them into desired shapes. A string is tied to each ball or icicle, which is then coated with a thin mixture of plaster of Paris prepared by adding warm water and stirring rapidly. The plaster hardens in a few minutes, and presto! there are your snowballs! Some "silver dust" sprinkled on the balls before the plaster completely hardens should make them nice and sparkling.

#### Candles Add Festivity

A candle bowl for the table or the mantle is easy to arrange, pleasing to look at, and a safe way to burn a candle. Any clear glass bowl, such as a round fish bowl or an ivy bowl, will serve as a container. You fasten a candle, which should not extend beyond the top of the bowl, in the center of the bottom with melted wax; then drop around the candle, in the bowl, small pieces of greens, and a few red and silver balls for brightness. The effect is surprising, and the heat of the candle will not crack the bowl. This is a grand way to burn candles in the windows without worrying about the possibility of the curtains go-

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## Womanly Worries of

# The Coed of Yesteryear

**No men—just red ants,  
careers, and sports  
faced Cornell's first females**

By Esther Church '53

"Of all the simplest questions,  
This is the easiest to tell.  
The woman's a minus factor  
At this dear old school, Cornell."

So wrote a bitter coed concerning the status of women at Cornell 35 years ago. Disowned by the Cornell men, besieged by the red ants in Sage Hall, and a slave to upper-class women, the home ec freshman had quite a different position on campus than her freshman counterpart of today. Her experiences in attending a newly formed college with a staff of 30 and a curriculum in the experimental stages were quite different from those of the contemporary home ec coed in the efficiently organized Martha Van Rensselaer Hall.

### Chalk Checks 'em

Sage dormitory was the favored female stronghold on the campus, despite the comparative luxury of Risley Hall and the ever-present threat of the red ant. "There has at last been discovered a means of eradicating the tribe of red ants," recorded a delighted Sage maiden. The method, gleaned from an assistant professor of veterinary anatomy was simple: "A chalk mark drawn around the ant will serve as a very effective check." This method at least proved successful in preserving crackers and cheese!

Red ants, however, seemed a minor concern in the face of the

ominous threat of male antagonism. These "Lords of creation" not only ignored the women when looking for fraternity party and spring weekend dates, (preferring imports from Wells College), but actively opposed their presence on campus. Anti-coed feeling reached a climax in 1922 when seven big wheel fraternity men started a movement to free the campus of women. Their aim—either get rid of them completely or have them segregated. Georgia White, Dean of Women, advised worried coeds to "Ignore them!"

### To Catch A Man . . .

Deprived of weekend dates with men, (the girl who had a date was lucky indeed), girls were allowed to participate with them in two activities, Ag Domecon Council and CURW. Ag Domecon Council was especially popular with the girls. The organization held frequent parties. The men and women would arrive separately, and go home in pairs. They also worked side by side in the Roberts Hall Farm and Home Week lunch room. This project not only allowed for mingling of the sexes, but earned enough money to furnish the lounge and rec. room in the first home economics building (1913).

The first Cornell coeds paddled a mean canoe in the all-women crew races.

Largely excluded from the male activities at Cornell, the women found most of their fun among themselves. Their dramatics and glee clubs were popular. High class spirit lead to stiff inter-class competition especially between upper and lower class women, since freshmen were traditionally the under dogs. Sports competitions were equally well favored. Eager coeds excelled at soccer, basketball, and swimming, and faithfully practiced the strokes for the all women crew. Diligent women athletes were rewarded with white sweaters and red letters.

### No Orientation!

Plunked suddenly in the midst of this confusion of class competition and male antagonism, the freshman home ecer had to adjust without an orientation or counseling program. (Although they did have a system of Junior Grandmothers even then.) Fortunately, the newly formed home economics curriculum minimized the predominance of physical sciences and chemistry which was so characteristic of the first few years. New emphasis was placed on more practical application. The combination of foods work with the chemistry course, which we now take for granted, was a controversial innovation in 1913!, but even then I. M. students were getting practical experience in the Comstock cafeteria much as they get today in the Martha Van cafeteria. (And in white uniforms and hairnets, too.)

Careers came first with the coed of those days. Girls seldom got their

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# Introducing . . . .

## Anne Gleason

Here is one home ec student who has the distinction of having been a cover girl. People at Cornell early recognized that there was something unusual about Ann Gleason. As early as her freshman year she was featured as the cover girl of the Valentine month issue of the COUNTRYMAN.

This alone would give anyone a claim to fame, but Ann has certainly not stopped here. Her special hobby is singing and she has created quite a name for herself in this field, starring in the Octogon show, "Joan of Arkansas."

With the Octogon group Ann also has spent much time entertaining patients at hospitals and at benefit shows. "This gives me a great deal of pleasure when I can see that the patients are really enjoying themselves," she says.

Ann has a trade secret of being able to do lots of things in limited time. For in addition to her musical



—Fallon

## Anne

activities, she is a member of Tri Delta sorority and is a representative on the Senior Class Council.

You might think that such activity in the school year would require an extensive rest cure during the summer, but Ann seems to thrive on work for her summers are equally busy. One year, while working on a regular job, she was also a member of a community theater

group in Batavia, playing the role of the nurse in Harvey.

This last summer Ann worked as a nursery school teacher for underprivileged children. This gave her plenty of practice in her major field of child development. She describes this experience as, "the most exciting seven hours a day I've ever spent, with a new situation arising every minute."

Ann will go at the end of this term to the Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit. This is a school of child development and family relations which is affiliated with Cornell and several other home ec schools. There she will meet child development majors from other colleges.

Ann hopes the experience gained there, here at Cornell, and from her summer work, will enable her to teach creative dramatics to children after graduation.

W. W.

## Mike Kelsey

There is nothing Mike Kelsey likes better than getting together a good party. Whether it is an Easter egg hunt in the cemetery, or an apple-picking party at his home farm in Clyde, N. Y., Mike's parties are informal and fun. One of his parties was the Barton Hall Farm and Home Week Dance last spring. As chairman of the dance he had the chance to give a lot of people a good time.

Any kind of work with people is important to Mike, whether it is organizing parties, counseling at Frosh camp, or working in student government. He was a shy boy all through his freshman year when his main activity was freshman basketball, but by his sophomore year he had exchanged blushes for a friendly grin. Now Mike's influence has spread over both the upper and lower campuses.

As president of Wesley Foundation, Mike feels he can help many students toward a feeling of belonging, which is an important function of all church groups. Working on the Freshman Orientation Coun-



—Pringle

## Mike

cil last year, and as a counselor at freshman camp this fall, Mike is enthusiastic about the "swell bunch of fellows" he has met, and wishes he had started this kind of work sooner.

Starting the student council in his home town high school, Mike has carried his interest in student government through college. As a member of the Junior Class Council last year, Mike felt that one of the major problems was the lack of spirit, especially among the fellows whose living units are too split up to have any feelings of unity.

Coordination of the upper campus activities is one of the most important functions of Ag Domecon council, believes Mike, this year's vice-president. "With coordination, the clubs can avoid conflicting meetings and social functions, and also plan occasional and special joint meetings."

Throughout college, Mike has taken general agriculture courses. Although he has worked every summer but the last (which was spent in ROTC camp) on his home farm, returning there after graduation would be a second choice. Preferring to work with people, he is aiming toward a job in an agriculture sales department.

E.C.

## .... Your Friends

### Esther Greenberg

Esther Greenberg certainly disproves the saying "beautiful but dumb." The ag school not only has Esther rated among its lovely blondes but she is also the top student scholastically in the college.

To locate the roots of Esther's career here, we must journey to her home town, New York City. Then, of course, we will visit Bronx High School of Science from which she graduated in 1949. It was with this scientific background that Esther entered the Bacteriology course here at Cornell in September 1949.

Esther's attainments haven't been in the scholastic field only. Her many interests have found expression in a variety of extra-curricular activities. WVBR seems to head the list since she was publicity chairman and also took over the Reveille Club for a while. In connection with WVBR she was secretary for the Cornell Radio Guild.

After this previous list one would wonder how Esther finds time for it all. However, she also enjoys painting and reading. She feels that students in general have a tendency to ignore world problems and don't read newspapers enough. To alleviate this situation, Esther believes that students, especially those in the



Esther

—Fallon

sciences, should have a broader education their first two years. This basis would stress government, history and the sociological studies.

A glimpse into Esther's future includes the state of matrimony. She is engaged to a medical student at present and plans to be married after graduation. Nevertheless, Esther doesn't intend to end her education with her graduation in February. She is planning to work for a while and then enter graduate school. Her ultimate goal is a Ph.D. in biochemistry.

J.P.

### George Boateng

"Life here at Cornell has given me a better perspective of the whole world and the part I have to play in it." This was the comment of George Boateng, native West African, one of the most versatile and well-liked agricultural students on campus.

George had expected to enter a school in Wilberforce, Ohio, under an American Methodist Episcopal Mission Scholarship; but through the advice of Dr. Liston Pope (Dean of the Yale Divinity School and member of the Student Advisory Committee in the Gold Coast, where he met George), he considered enrolling in either Cornell or the University of California. The Embassy in Washington, D.C., helped him contact the schools, and he was accepted here.

His high school experience as captain of the soccer, hockey, and cricket teams was useful to him on Cornell's frosh soccer team where he was high scorer. George later became an All-American player.

He was just as successful scholastically. The junior men's honorary society, Red Key, and Ho-Nun-De-Kah both accepted him, and this year George is the secretary of Sphinx Head, senior men's honor society. His other activities have included the Cos Club, the One World Club, of which he was chairman, and this year, the International

Student Council for which he is public relations officer.

George is preparing for work in the Civil Service of the Gold Coast government. After completing his major in cooperative marketing and field crops in ag, he expects to take another year of intensive study in cooperative marketing and extension service and then intends to go



George

—Fallon

to Trinidad for a year to study tropical crops. This background will help him to understand and improve the prevailing conditions in West African agriculture and thus help his people through the government agency for which he intends to work.

In summing up his impressions of America, George made a statement that it might be well to think about:

"America has a great amount of potential goodness and a lot to teach foreign peoples. However, Americans have to learn to speak less about themselves and take some time to learn something about their alien neighbors. As far as the student body, particularly in the colleges of the United States, is concerned, I believe that they fully enjoy the frivolous side of college life but generally tend to forget that they have a responsibility to their community and to the world by virtue of their higher education in America."

S.S.



# Campus Clearinghouse

## 4-H Receives Foreign Students

All foreign students are invited to attend a special 4-H Extension Club meeting being held in their honor on Wednesday, December 10, at 8:00 P.M., in the Plant Science Seminar Room. This meeting is designed as an opportunity for foreign students and 4-H members to get acquainted and to discuss informally matters which interest



them both. Some probable topics are "Youth World in Other Countries" and "Christmas Customs Around the World."

Two new advisors have been chosen by the club. They are Miss Anne Bradshaw, a rural sociology grad student and student dean, and Professor C. H. Freeman of the Extension Teaching Department.

## Omicron Nu Initiates Eighteen

Eleven seniors and four graduate students of the College of Home Economics have been honored by initiation into Omicron Nu, the Home Economics honorary society. Members are selected on the basis of their scholarship, leadership, and contribution to the field of home economics. Seniors Ann Livingston, Janet Rose, Kathleen Kendrick, Joan Wright, Janice Huey, Jean Morrison, Nancy Ferguson, Joanne Ernst, Ellen Comden, Margaret Doolittle, and Barbara Zelfman; and graduate students Helen McMullen, Ruth Emerson, Ellen

Frazier, and Constance Brine were initiated at a banquet held in the Green Room on November 12. Jean Warren, national treasurer of Omicron Nu and Associate Professor of Economics of the Household and Household Management here at Cornell, was guest speaker.

Omicron Nu's December plans include a Christmas tea, to be given on December 12, to which the Syracuse chapter has been invited. Foreign Home Economics students will present a panel discussing home economics in their home lands. Each student will tell how she hopes to apply the knowledge she has gained here when she returns to her native country.

January 8th is the date upon which Omicron Nu will sponsor its popular annual Research Open House. Research workers will discuss the studies they are currently conducting, emphasizing the latest developments in fields of home economics research.

## Kermis Shows

Boasting a well paced program, Kermis Club is in rehearsal for a trio of plays by Noel Coward, *The Astonished Heart*, *Red Peppers*, and *Family Album*. Louise Laylin, publicity chairman, says they are looking forward to taking these on the road before Christmas after presenting them to Cornell. The Club plans a lab play intended especially for Freshman aspirants and to collect additional talent for their large and promising Spring production.



## Returning Alumnae Speak To Home Ecers

Carolyn Cooper, home demonstration agent of Cayuga County, and Phyllis Tolstoy, 4-H Club worker in Onondaga County, were speakers at the November meeting of the Home Ec Club. In addition to their announced topics on "Decorative Stitchery" and "Refinishing Furniture," the speakers presented some valuable sidelights on the extension field.

"Organization is the biggest challenge of the extension worker, in both Home Bureau and 4-H Club work," stated Miss Cooper. "The extension worker has considerable independence with many opportunities to develop her job to the fullest extent of her own abilities."

## Students Late: Take Coffee Break

The upper campus has its own version of the Ivy Room. Monday through Friday, students who are unlucky enough to have missed breakfast or who are just seeking the all-important coffee break, are drawn by the odor of steaming coffee to the student lounge on the second floor of Martha Van. There, from 9:30 to 11:15 each morning, Home Ec Club members are kept busy serving coffee, doughnuts, and fruit juice and collecting nominal fees from the grateful upper campus populace.

## Pre-Vet Society . . . Features Dr. Tucker

Speaking at the second meeting of the Pre-Veterinary Society, Dr. Tucker, Director of Laboratories, Veterinary Medicine and Obstetrics, discussed the advantages and disadvantages of practicing Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Tucker told the group that large animal practice is a hard, time

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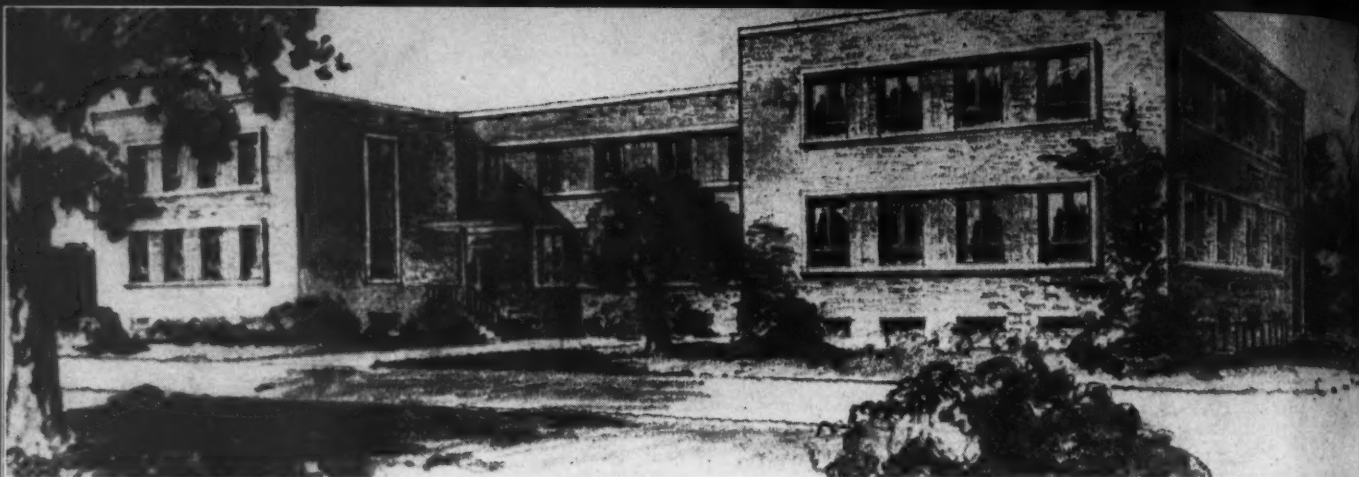
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Sketches such as the new poultry building (above) exist for many of the proposed buildings.

### The Ever Changing Campus . . .

## Operation Alteration

**Vast changes are in store for the Cornell Campus, and the most startling will arise in the Ag College.**

By Tom Sanford '55

In 1980 Cornell Ag students will not: (1) tread the front lawn of Fernow Hall, (2) park their cars in front of Roberts Hall, (3) fight for space in cramped Ag Eng labs,

or (4) have to hunt for a place to hold club meetings.

In this 50th anniversary issue, the COUNTRYMAN takes pleasure in explaining to its readers the Post-

War Ag Building Plan of the New York State College of Agriculture.

During the war, a group of ag administrators decided that the ag schools' teaching facilities would soon be inadequate. As a result, the highly complicated problem of devising a building plan that would be adequate for the educating of future ag students arose. By requiring from department heads a tentative list of future needs in teaching, research, and extension, the group came up with somewhat of a solution.

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The first product of this solution was the Albert R. Mann Ag and Home Ec Library. In using the most modern methods and materials, and yet remaining practical, the state has produced storage space for at least 400,000 volumes, a sufficient amount of space for expansion, an herbarium for the botany department and the Bailey Hortorium, classrooms that will seat from 25 to 150 rural sociology and ag economic students, and many other features.

The second portion of the plan is the answer to every ag eng students' woes; a new ag eng lab similar in size to the Baker chemistry labs, to be constructed on the south side of Wing Hall in place of the currently standing sheds. More optimistic officials say that this second portion of their plan will be initiated in the fall of 1953, but others are inclined to think that certain factors such as a lack of materials are apt to delay the project.

#### Dates Indefinite

As for the construction dates and costs of the remainder and majority of the plan, it seems that it is slightly impossible to determine anything more about a building than its location and space requirements. This is due largely to the fluctuating economic situation in the world, but nevertheless we continue with the proposed scheme, just as the state, university trustees and president have done in approving it.

The number two priority is a new building to function as the extension division of the animal husbandry department. Its erection will form a "quad" of Stocking Hall, Wing Hall and the currently proposed ag eng labs.

#### Two For Poultry

The poultry department draws priority number three with the construction of a poultry research farm and plant opposite the New York State Game Farm off the Syracuse road. A supplement to the farm and plant will be a poultry research laboratory, only slightly smaller

than Rice Hall, to be located directly behind Rice.

Fernow Hall's spacious front yard is another item that will someday be missing from the Cornell scene. A new structure approximately the same size as Goldwin Smith will occupy that area and house the agronomy department. In addition, an auditorium seating 500 to 600 persons will be erected as the west wing of the main building to serve the entire ag school's functions.

#### Not Roberts Too!

Following the construction of a new judging pavilion just west of the dairy barns, the gentle slope in front of Roberts Hall will undergo a severe change in the form of an entomology building. Another version provides for one building for the administration and entomology to replace the Roberts group and cover that entire Tower Rd. block, this depending on the condition of Roberts, East Roberts, and Stone Halls.

#### Conference Center

A scattered series of new greenhouses to house the experimental work for at least seven ag departments will comprise the eighth priority. The last portion of the long-range program entails the elimination of the Garden Avenue flower gardens for the erection of a conference center to be used by any of the state supported schools at Cornell. Its auditorium will hold approximately 1000 removable chairs and provide the most modern facilities for Cornell's state supported activities.

We said the last portion? The above list actually comprises only half of the complete program. The rest we leave to the COUNTRYMAN of 1980 to reveal to its readers.

Judging from the success of what was originally the initial item of the Post-War Ag Building Plan—the Mann Library—we place our belief in the oft-used theory that Cornell's buildings will continue to help make this one of the finest institutions of learning in the United States.

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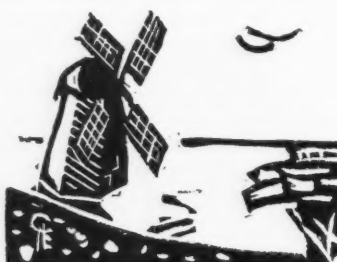
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# Hello From Holland

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when the music begins from the fellows' tables or corners to the girls'. After the customary three dances each fellow escorts his partner back to her friends, and he goes back to his gang to trade speculations and plan strategy for the next dance. If enough interest develops for the fellow to come calling on a girl he is practically adopted in the family, as far as I can see, and is expected for Sunday dinner every week thereafter.



There is a lack of social gatherings in the American way of thinking. John Wanaer of my third family, who is president of the local young farmers organization on the island of Overflakkee, summed it up when he told me "I don't like meetings so we hardly ever have any."

### Three-way Split

A great deal of this lack of interest in mixing stems from the great splits in the religious groups. All of the farmer organizations, labor unions, and political parties are divided into three main groups—the Protestants, the Catholics, and the Neutrals (not so strict Protestants); when labor and management want to do any bargaining there are six organizations to deal with, three of the labor and three of the management. Bipartisan policies are the rule when ten political parties hold seats in Parliament.

The word Parliament shall always remind me of the third Tuesday in September, 1952. For it was then that we saw Queen Juliana arrive at the Hall of Knights in her golden coach and formally open the legislative bodies of The Nether-

lands. It was a crystal clear day (in itself a cause for celebration in Holland), and every Dutchman who could came to The Hague to see the pomp and colorful pagentry. It was literally the splurge of the year, so to speak.

If you have read this far, maybe you've begun to wonder just what the purpose of all this globe trotting is. We IFYE's are dedicated to world *understanding*. For by living, working, (and I've got callouses to prove it) and playing with these people of other parts of the world other than our own, we are endeavoring to help them to understand America and Americans. And if you don't think there is a need for it you should have met the quantities of Dutchmen that I have who think America is the land of money and every American is rich.

### Mutual Understanding

And we certainly learn how to understand their problems better. The much talked about dollar shortage took on new meaning for me after discussing it with two Amsterdam businessmen on a train. As a sort of a by-product I am certain I have gained a new understanding of America myself.

It is the aim of every IFYE to make as many new friends as possible, for every new friend is another chip from the wall that separates us from universal understanding and world peace. Barriers, yes, there are many but they seem so much smaller when a friend of yours represents the other side of the question.

### Only A Beginning

Our job does not end when we leave Europe, in fact it has just begun for IFYE's like to tell their story whenever and wherever they can.

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## Say Season's Greetings

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ing up in flames. It is also nice as a centerpiece for the dining room table, or you can use it in a place where there is apt to be a draft.

The same idea may be executed in miniature for individual favors by using baby food jars and large-size birthday cake candles. The candle and some tiny greens can be worked in with careful fingers or tweezers, and a few breadlike balls or red berries added for a colorful touch.

### Chemically Colored Fires

A brilliant fire in the fireplace is very attractive and cozy on a cold December evening. Colored flames can be obtained simply by adding a few common chemicals. A large salt or flour shaker is convenient to scatter the chemicals over the surface of the logs which have been brushed with shellac or glue to make the chemicals adhere. Here are some of the chemicals that are commonly used for these multicolored effects:

Yellow—Sodium chloride (common salt) or potassium nitrate

Red—Lithium chloride or strontium nitrate

Green—Copper nitrate

Blue—Copper sulfate

Orange—Calcium chloride  
Violet—Potassium chloride

Pine cones, similarly brushed with glue or shellac and sprinkled with chemicals and allowed to dry, can be packed in cellophane bags and tied with gay ribbon. They look attractive even before they add their colored flames to the fire, and they make appealing, inexpensive gifts.

### Make Your Table Into A Package

A distinctive effect for the dining room table top between meals may be created by arranging broad bands of red or green ribbon as if you were tying a package. Where the ribbons cross you could place a large bow or an arrangement of greens or candles.

Here's something the children will like when it comes time to eat: a small Santa made by placing a marshmallow on a bright red apple. (Toothpicks will hold the two together.) The eyes and nose may be made of cloves, the mouth of a small raisin, and the arms and legs of prunes. A tuft of cotton, fastened with glue, will do for Santa's hat and any other necessary trimming.

### How To Use Old Wrappings

Hard candy rolls delight children and grown-ups, too, for that matter. These can be made from the empty cardboard rolls from paper towels or waxed paper and covered with bright pieces of discarded Christ-

mas wrappings, which are fastened with Scotch tape or a Christmas seal. Be sure to allow enough paper for fraying the ends; this is usually done before the paper is fastened on the roll. One end is tied with ribbon, the tube is filled with wrapped hard candies, and the other end tied. Thus these rolls, gay in appearance, are quickly made out of materials which would ordinarily have no use.

Of course you probably have lots of ideas yourself about decorating your house for the Christmas season, but maybe some of these suggestions will help to fill in the gaps. So Merry Christmas, and Happy Decorating!

### Heard In Zoo Lab

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## Womanly Worries

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diamonds in college. First came jobs, then plans for home-making. Finding jobs was far more difficult then than it is today. With no college placement service and the field of Home Economics not yet respectably established, there were few professional outlets.

A greater feeling of spirit and tradition was present in the smaller, closer knit college of 35 years ago than is possible in today's greatly expanded setup. With no special counseling service, the staff members acted as student advisors, making for more natural and closer relationships between students and staff. The senior breakfast, an annual tradition, was prepared and served by the 30 staff members to the 50 graduating seniors.

Another tradition, which passed with the first home economics building, was the lantern lighting service held on Senior Night, in which the senior girls passed to the Juniors their heritage of light, loyalty, and learning. The ceremony consisted of a picturesque march, in which both senior and junior classes participated, carrying lighted candles, and ended in lighting the symbolic candle.

### Four Per Cent

Less than four per cent of all the money appropriated by Congress since the end of World War II has been used to finance farm programs, according to a report from professor K. L. Robinson.

### New Botany Head

The appointment of Dr. Harlan P. Banks, professor of botany, as the new head of the botany department has been announced by the University board of trustees.

He succeeds Dr. Lewis Knudson.

### Dutch Potatoes

Dr. Ora Smith, professor of Vegetable Crops, was with the Netherlands government as an advisor on

potato production during August and September.

The project, sponsored by the Mutual Agency, proposes help on methods and techniques for extending and improving production of potatoes in the Netherlands.

### Difficult Proposition

From the Santa Ana, Calif., *Register*: "In the evening he will speak on 'How to Keep Sane' in the First Methodist Church under the direction of Rev. David Young . . ."

### Red Tape Forever

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States checked the telephone directories of the nation's ten largest cities, outside Washington, and found 3,375 listings for Federal bureaus, departments, units, offices, and installations. The state governments, on the other hand, had only 1,738 listings in the same cities—barely half as many.

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# ALUMNOTES



As far as jobs are concerned, most of home ec graduates continue in the same field in which they received training during college. Occupation patterns remain fairly constant, although the women may do a lot of traveling around the country to keep up with both jobs and husbands.

## 1936

**Margaret Sturm Conner**, (who was Prof. Kendrick's secretary and assistant in Ag. Ec. in 1938) married a man in hotel work. They jointly ran a yacht club in Tampa, Florida, then moved to Lake George, N. Y.; Cleveland; Detroit; Paul Smith, N. Y.; Ithaca, and recently made a short distance move to Dryden.

**Helen Sands Wolpert**, in nursing, worked in Washington, D. C., Ann Arbor, Iowa City, stopped off at the Univ. of Texas to be an assistant professor of Home Ec, went on to California, New York City, Columbus, Ohio, and resides now at 1010 S. Pugh St., 29, State College, Pennsylvania.

One who has lived mostly in N.Y. State is **Mary Roberts MacEachron**, who has recently become one of the Asst. 4-H Club agents for Tompkins County.

**Dorothy Stevens Cake** stayed in N. Y. for several years as a student and a homemaker, and then went South to Virginia, N. Carolina, Florida, and Virginia again. She now lives once more in Florida—Route 4, Box 251, Gainesville.

## 1937

In 1949 **Mary Wood** was the assistant professor of Food Marketing at Cornell, but now lives at Apt. 11N, 235 East 22nd St., New York City, since she has changed her job to food marketing work in the city.

## 1938

**Roslyn Hacker**, also lives in New York. She has the position of chief dietitian at the Bushwick Hospital, Brooklyn 21.

## 1939

Another couple of relative stay-at-homes are **Sylvia Small Atkinson**, who had lived in varied places in Michigan since 1943, but has just moved to Box 124, Saugatuck Station, Westport, Conn., and **Ruth Goodman**, former dietitian at the University of Colorado, who is now the Assistant Supervisor of Lunchrooms, Denver Public Schools, Colorado.

## 1940

**Marjorie Utz**, who married a man named **Risley**, (and named her first daughter **Prudence Sage**), is doing graduate work now so that she can become a substitute teacher in the local elementary schools.

Physical therapist, **Julia Sweningsen Judson**, is now the Home Ec Consultant at the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 400 E. 34th St., New York City.

## 1941

**Rachel Beaudoin**, who has been working in Montreal for a number

of years, at the Institute of Dietetics and Nutrition, Universite de Montreal, has worked her way up from an assistant in the home ec department to Assistant Director, to Director of Home Ec at that institution.

**Glory Chellamona Azariah**, from India is working at the Graduate Economic Research Institute, Arks Road, Oxford, England.

## 1942

**Ruth Gould**, formerly a dietitian at Merrill-Palmer in Detroit, then at Yale, next at the men's dorms of Michigan State, has now followed our Dean Allen to Pennsylvania to be Director of Dining Halls at Pennsylvania College for Women.

## 1943

The Girl Scout scholarship of \$1000 was awarded to **Margaret Dilts**, who has worked with the Scouts a great deal, for her study of group activities at the Boston University school of social work.

**Evelyn Corwith Costick**, who has done research in food and food testing for Woman's Home Companion and for Borden's, moved last month to 99-63 66th Ave., Forest Hills 74, N. Y.

## 1944

**Alice Ross McCarthy**, active for many years in counselling and placement work, has taken a leave of absence to give birth to a son, Walter McCarthy, III.

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# Through Thick and Thin

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The Home Ec department, which had not been entirely neglected during the uninterrupted reign of men editors from 1903 to 1936, had been written in newspaper fashion. With the coming of women editors, this section expanded into articles or letters on research and household hints. Home ec itself was then starting to be recognized as an approved field of study and application.

## The Women Take Over

Under the direction of Julie Bockee, the first woman editor, in 1936 the magazine went to the extreme of non-technical articles. They had interesting titles, such as an article on opinions entitled, "Weep No More My Lady." This was the last year that issues had an opening page of a poem-and-appropriate-photograph combination, as had been done for many years to start off each issue.

The other women editors, Marie

Call (1941), Marjorie Heit (1942), Marjorie Fine (1944), and Joan Dahlberg (1947), brought a different kind of imagination than the men's to the magazine. New spectacular layouts were tried. Plays and poems on rural subjects were printed. Cover pictures in 1944 specialized in night photography—snow pictures, deer caught drinking at the pool's edge, etc.

## In The Old Days

Before the girls' regime, J. P. Hertel was an editor in 1934. The magazine was then twelve pages; predominantly news of the campus, courses, and professors, with one to three feature articles.

In 1939, Chester Freeman's year as editor was distinguished by drawings on all the covers.

Outstanding among all the editors is the first one, George F. Warren, "Father of Agricultural Economics." Many other editors, like he did, chose agricultural vocation. Only about 50% of the editors took direct advantage of their COUNTRYMAN experience and went into journalism as a profession.

## Study In Sweden

Professor Jeffery E. Dawson of the Agronomy department will be leaving next year for the Institute of Biology and Chemistry in Uppsala, Sweden. There he will spend one year studying the acidic properties of peat soils, under a grant given him by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Professor Dawson came to Cornell from the University of Florida in 1942 to begin his graduate study, and is now teaching a course in peat soils.

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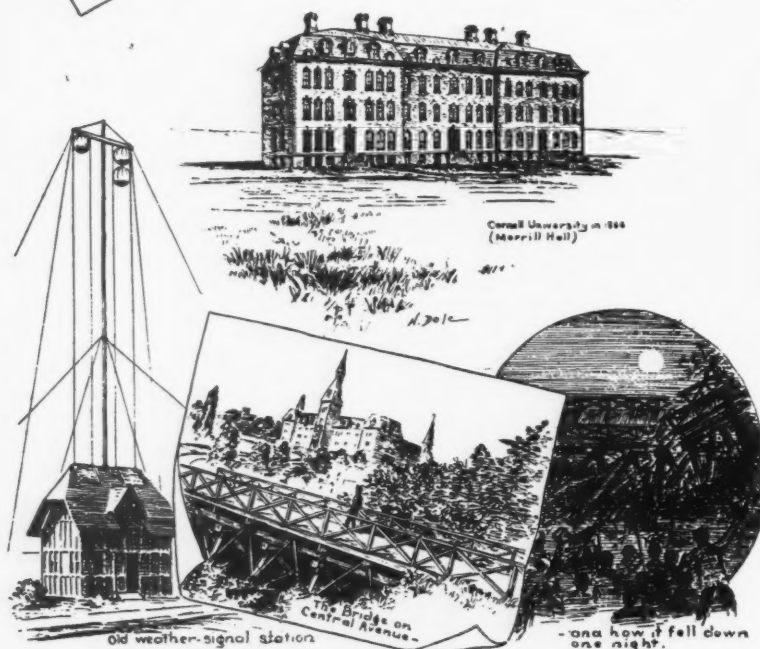
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## Soldiers In Korea Hail for Mail

Ed. Note: We found this letter on our desk the other day; it was addressed to "New York State College, New York, U.S.A." To-night we're going to take a few moments from our books and dash off a paragraph or two to these men in Korea who, if cir-

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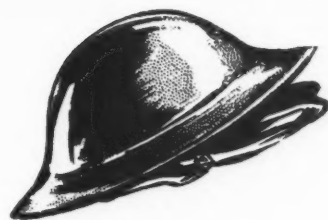
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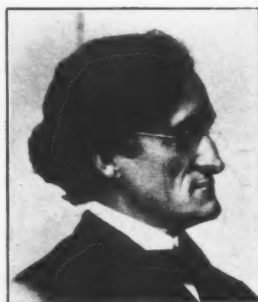
Barnes Hall



# Ag College History

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rill Hall with a kitchen table and two chairs for equipment. Her work gained in popularity, and in 1908 a Department of Home Economics was organized within the College of Agriculture. The home ec girls used the present COUNTRYMAN offices for their classes. They later moved to Comstock Hall and in



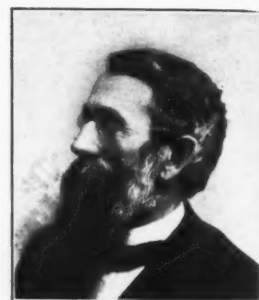
*R. H. Bailey*

1934 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall was ready for their use.

Research has always been a major activity of the College of Agriculture. The deans and faculty, alike, have felt an obligation to go forward in research to help both the consumer and producer. They have always been dedicated to their jobs and as the years have passed this loyalty to the College of Agriculture and its great purposes has never been lost.

## Research Advances

In 1879 the Cornell University Experiment Station was founded. The present Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station is a direct descendant of the early station. The station was organized for the purpose of promoting agriculture by investigation and experimentation. In 1880 Cornell helped sponsor the New York State Agri-



*J. H. Hobbs*

cultural Station at Geneva. In 1923 the state passed an act putting the administration of the Geneva Station in the hands of Cornell University as the state agent. The Dean of the College of Agriculture coordinates the work of the two stations. Today approximately 750 different research projects are being carried on at the two stations and other substations. Through its research and extension work Cornell has met the great changes from small scale farming to highly specialized and mechanized business.

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#### His "Udder" Woman

He met her in the meadow,  
When the sun was sinking low.  
They walked along together,  
In the twilight's afterglow.  
She waited until patiently,  
He lowered all the bars.  
Her soft eyes bent upon him,  
As radiant as the stars.  
She didn't smile or thank him,  
In fact she knew not how,  
For he was but a farmer's lad  
And she a Jersey cow.

#### Dr. Hewitt Conducts Wildlife Experiments

Recently, Professor Oliver H. Hewitt and his Wildlife Management class conducted an experiment of notable interest to all conservationists, particularly those connected with ornithology. The group, using Ithaca as the base point, released 35 pair of mallard ducks in a radius of fifteen miles with varicolored plastic collars around the neck of each bird. Collars were used in addition to the usual leg bands due to the relative ease with which the collars can be seen.

It is hoped by Professor Hewitt and his class that their undertaking will facilitate research on waterfowl, especially in this area, and will also make feasible the tracing of mallard duck migrations in more detail than is now possible.

#### Multiflora Rose

Another experiment started by the same group concerns the planting and care of a one and one-half

mile strip of Multiflora rose on the Cornell University Behavior Farm. This plant is proving its worth as an effective living fence, especially in Maryland and in the south, where it has served as an excellent wildlife cover, soil erosion remedy, and as a pasture fence for livestock. A Multiflora rose hedge is so thick that even sheep and swine cannot penetrate its tangle of thorny stems and branches.

#### Care Brings Results

The raising of the shrub is relatively new in New York State, which represents its northernmost limit. Multiflora rose has been planted in limited quantities by numerous farmers who have usually not given the plant sufficient care. This is one shrub that needs infinite care. The individual bushes must be planted 12-18 inches apart in well-cultivated fertile soils. The growth is not effective as a fence for at least five years after planting, but the product at the end of that time is certainly worth while because of its permanence and low maintenance costs.

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consuming job. He cautioned them that the vet is always on call, has to travel great distances often encountering poor road conditions. He also warned the society that the practitioner is exposed to all types of barnyard diseases, undulant fever being a big hazard. Telling of some of the advantages of veterinary practice, Dr. Tucker stressed that the vet is out in the open air most of the time, and is his own boss. "Most gratifying of all," concludes Dr. Tucker "is the sense of pride and well doing the vet gets after saving a helpless animal."

The agenda for the first meeting in December will include a discussion of Veterinary R.O.T.C.

## Amateur's Contest

Keep December 6 in mind if you are an animal husbandry enthusiast. A livestock judging contest open

to all will be held in the Judging Pavillion on that date. All you novices in the judging game may enter the junior class. The animals to be judged are sheep, swine, beef cattle, and horses. Be on the lookout for further details.

## Future Farmers

The annual FFA Open House was held Wednesday evening, October 29, at Annabel Taylor Hall in order to acquaint freshmen with the Cornell Chapter.

The Cornell FFA hopes to enlarge its participation in Farm and Home Week this year by holding a welcome for high school FFA members every day of the week. A "Straight to the Country Day," to be held at Willard Straight Hall is also being planned.

Officers for the term are Phil Eastman '54, president; Raymond Merrill '54, vice president; Dick Hanner Sp., secretary; John Preston '54, treasurer; Jim Nathan '55, reporter; and Harold Noakes, advisor.

## Darrah Writes Poultry Book

Lawrence B. Darrah, Professor of Marketing at Cornell, treats the problems involved in the profitable management of a poultry farm and the function of the modern poultry industry in his recent book, *Business Aspects of Commercial Poultry Farming*. Writing primarily to help the poultryman make money, Dr. Darrah points out that an understanding of the economics of poultry farming is essential for success in this hazardous business. Designed for the experienced farmer or for the novice, this book should be an invaluable addition to a poultryman's library.

## New EH Dept. Head

Professor Mabel A. Rollins has been appointed head of the department of economics of the household and household management.

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## Guest Editorials

### Men and Principles Behind Countryman

THE CORNELL COUNTRYMAN has a record of continuous publication that is unmatched on the Cornell Campus. It is a monument to the interest, hard work, and good judgment of a long line of distinguished editors and managers, a great many of whom it has been my good fortune to know.

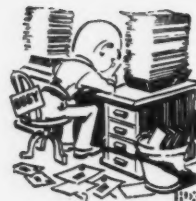
In this fiftieth anniversary issue it is most appropriate to recognize those who were responsible, back in 1903, for getting this new agricultural college magazine under way. Men like Bailey, Wing, and Stone, who now have buildings named for them on the campus, were interested in having some means for putting new agricultural information into print. They helped not only with the planning but wrote, along with other faculty members, many articles for the new magazine.

I would not for one moment imply, however, that the magazine has ever been anything but a strictly undergraduate student publication. It has attracted to its editorial and managerial boards many of the finest students of the College who have, through the COUNTRYMAN, developed an interest and gotten a start in journalistic endeavor which in turn have contributed directly to their success as alumni.

The CORNELL COUNTRYMAN was established on sound principles, has had good student management, and has served a useful purpose in the educational and extra-curricular programs of the College. It has survived through the more difficult years of its existence without the subsidization that similar magazines on other campuses have had. It is a better publication for having had to learn how to survive. It has been an interesting fifty years but the story of agriculture in the next half century will be just as important. All that is needed for the COUNTRYMAN to continue to help tell that story is the undergraduate interest and ability that it has had the good fortune to attract in these first fifty years.

A. W. Gibson '17

Director of Resident Instruction



### Past Editor Looks At Countryman

Nothing can be more embarrassing for an aging editor than to look back at the pages he was responsible for some 30 years ago—the correctly dull articles; the perfervid, callow editorials; the gaucheries; the sorry, rambling attempts at humor. Who in the world let all that stuff get printed?

Well, it's different now. I have just inspected a couple of recent issues of THE COUNTRYMAN and I speak by the record.

The format of THE COUNTRYMAN of today is brighter and the type is bigger. There is also less of it, which is probably a good thing. The edi-

torials strike this past editor, who now blushes at some he wrote, as calmly sensible. The articles have some news in them, perhaps on the theory—sound, I think, that people are more interested in news than in the opinions of an editor or even a professor.

Back in my time we used to run pieces which surrounded farming with quite an aura of nobility and romance. There seems less of that sort of thing nowadays. I get the impression from THE COUNTRYMAN of today that farmers, while unquestionably Nature's noblemen underneath, on the surface tend to be fairly hard-boiled. Whether this reflects a change in farmers, the Ag College, and/or the editors of THE COUNTRYMAN, I wouldn't know. It may, though, be a net gain.

It is something for THE COUNTRYMAN to have survived 50 years of the kind the world has had to endure. That it has survived encourages the suspicion that it is a useful magazine and stands a good chance of surviving another 50 years. I hopes so, and I wish it well.

John R. Fleming '21  
U.S. News & World Report  
(COUNTRYMAN editor '21)

## News Editor Voices Greetings

Greetings to the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN as you start your Fiftieth Year of interpreting the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics to their present and former students.

Your first issue, for December 1903, stated as a purpose of the new magazine, "... to keep the former students in touch with each other and with the college, and to present the advances in agriculture." The Agricultural College then had 1100 former students; now they number more than 25,000, scattered over the world.

There was no course in Home Economics for resident students. That first issue contains this interesting note, perhaps written by your first editor, the late Professor George F. Warren '03:

"A young lady and a teacher in a distant part of the state writes to one of the departments of the College of Agriculture as follows: 'Is it

true that your department offers a course for teachers fitting them to be farmer's wives? If so, save room for six of us. We will take post-graduate work also to make sure we are all right. Send course of study.' The letter has been referred to the department having a correspondence course known as Farmer's Wives."

Since that time THE COUNTRYMAN's opportunities have greatly broadened with the growth of your colleges and the increase in number of your interested audience. Over the years an uninterrupted succession of student editors and board members have done a good job, in varied ways, of serving this clientele.

May you continue to prosper!

H. A. Stevenson '19  
Managing Editor  
Cornell Alumni News

(COUNTRYMAN editor and managing editor, 1920).

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# How IH engineers developed today's most useful implement control system

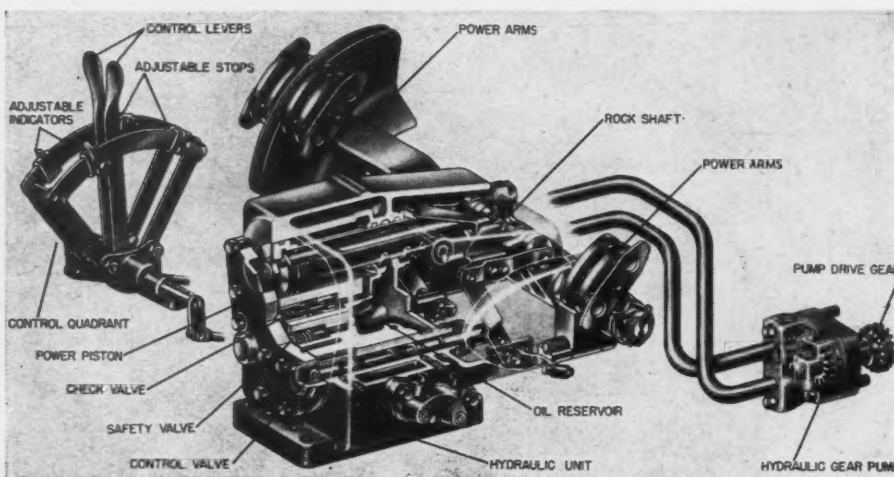
Some stiff requirements faced IH engineers assigned the project of developing hydraulic Farmall Touch-Control. They were asked to perfect a system that would:

- Operate continuously with engine clutch in or out.
- Control either or both mounted or trailing implements.
- Control combinations of front and rear-mounted implements individually or simultaneously.
- Control lowering as well as lifting action, exerting

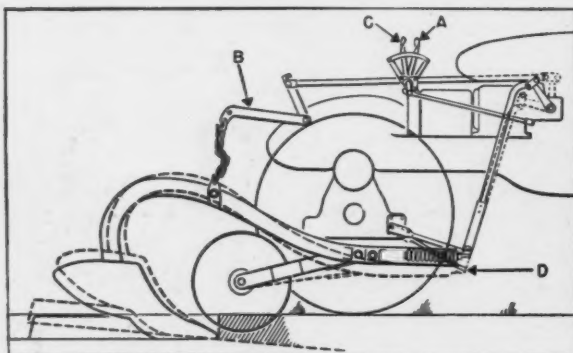
down pressure if desired.

- Maintain precise depth control regardless of varying soil conditions.
- Control cultivator gangs in unison or individually, or provide delayed lift for front and rear sections.

How well they succeeded is attested to by thousands of Farmall Cub, Super A and Super C owners who universally agree: "Farmall Touch-Control is the most useful implement control system yet designed!"



Two double-acting hydraulic cylinders actuate two rockshafts, regularly equipped with three power arms, on Farmalls Super C and Super A. The Super C may be equipped with four power arms. Farmall Cub has one double-acting cylinder and two power arms.

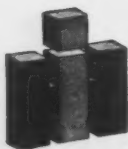


**Precise depth control** results from Farmall Touch-Control design. Control lever (A) actuates rear rockshaft (B) to raise and lower plow. Control lever (C) raises or lowers drawbar (D) to change depth.



**Farmall Touch-Control** is equally adaptable to front of rear-mounted implements. Above: lifting two-furrow, rear-mounted plow to cross a grassed waterway. Fast lifting action provides for uniform furrow ends.

**IH Engineering teamwork** produced Farmall Touch-Control. On hundreds of such problems, IH research, engineering and manufacturing men spend their time and talent to achieve a common goal—that of providing farmers everywhere with equipment that maintains the century-old IH tradition of *making farm work easier and the farmer's time more productive.*



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